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When Cox was governor tax rates were forced down in ninety per cent of all the taxing subdivisions of the state. In the first year of Willis tax rates were raised to go in ninety per cent of the taxing subdivisions of the state, and Willis said it was none of his concern. But there is a howl going up because of the Willis negligence. Accordingly in his big, boyish fashion, Willis and his aides try to laugh away the trouble by misquoting the parallel that it is charged "taxes were reduced ninety per cent under Cox and increased ninety per cent under Willis which of course would be ridiculous. But please note that Willis or any for him denies the real truth charged, and that is in ninety per cent of all the taxing districts of the state taxes under Willis went up, where in same degrees they had been put down to the minimum under Cox. Taxpayers know the truth and that is what hurts.

Partisans of the Willis administration, including the chairman of the finance committee, have endeavored to explain away the shaking of the general revenue balance by more than two million dollars since Willis became governor. They bewail the cut in state tax rate made by Cox, which saved the taxpayers of the state approximately \$4,000,000 annually and endeavor to show that this saving made the hole in the state balance. They do not show what is the increased revenue Willis has by squeezing the corporations and allowing the tax rate boost in the subdivisions of the state. But all of this is purely contentious and a specious argument. The pertinent fact which depends not at all on where the revenue came from is that Governor Willis pledging economy, in the first year of his administration spent \$2,344,000 more than did Cox in the last year of his administration.

A Democratic state convention has been regularly called to meet in the city of Columbus on Thursday, June 1st, 1916. This convention will nominate two Presidential-Electors-at-large and twenty-two district electors and write a state Democratic platform. The ratio of representation in the convention will be one delegate and one alternate for each 500 votes or major fraction thereof cast for James M. Cox for governor in 1914. This will entitle Mercer county to seven delegates and alternates.

These delegates and alternates must be elected from each county at a state wide primary election to be held on April 25th, 1916. Each person desiring to be a candidate for delegate or alternate to this convention must file his declaration of candidacy with the board of deputy supervisors of elections of his county. This declaration must bear the signature of five electors of the county certifying to the fact that the candidate for delegate or alternate is a member of the Democratic party, et cetera. Blanks for this purpose may be secured at local election boards. No candidate for delegate or alternate who does not meet these requirements of law, can have his name printed on the official primary ballot to be voted in April. It is highly important that our Democratic committeemen acquaint themselves with the requirements of the primary law so that this county may be properly represented at the coming state convention.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

[Ohio State Journal, Rep.]
The bill favoring the independence of the Philippines has passed the Senate. It was a close vote—41 to 41 with the vice president in the affirmative. The bill provides that the president may issue his proclamation in four years, declaring the Philippines free and independent. It has really a party vote that decided the question. A few Republicans voted for it and a few Democrats against it. The Ohio senators both voted against it.

The realization of the object of the bill will very largely depend upon the party affiliations of the president four years from now. If he is a Democrat independence will be declared; if he is a Republican, the probabilities are the other way. So the fate of the Philippines will be determined at the election this fall. There will be many, no doubt, in the Republican fold who will regret that in this way they will not be able to help along Philippine independence.

CITIES SURELY ON BOOM

The cities of Ohio have a reason to be jubilant over the share of general prosperity that has come to this state within the past year. Pleasing illustration of what the state has been enjoying is found in the rate of gain over the record for the corresponding period of the preceding year which is given in the list of bank clearings in the larger Ohio cities for the last week. While there is plenty of evidence in other sources this comparison is illuminating.

Akron reports the almost unbelievable increase of 126 per cent. In the rate of increase of bank clearings, Youngstown comes next with 86 per cent. increase. Canton has an increase of 66 per cent. Toledo shows 60 per cent. gain. Dayton's rate of gain is 40 per cent. Cleveland has a 46 per cent rate of increase. Cincinnati is well up in the list with 36 per cent, and Columbus boasts an increase of 35 per cent.

These quotations prove not only that there is the greatest activity of industry and commerce in the history

of the country, but they prove that Ohio is in the lead in things of material progress.
There is food for satisfactory reflection also in the record of corporate activity in Ohio for the month of January, 1916. There were chartered 248 corporations for profit, a gain of 20 per cent over the average. The total authorized capital amounted to \$13,484,500. The January increases reached \$77,133,000. Of the new corporations, Cleveland has seventy-nine, Cincinnati twenty-five, Toledo twenty-two and Columbus ten.

A REAL NEUTRALITY

[New York World.]

Assuming that the Canadian parliament house fire was the work of German agents, the London Chronicle makes the direct accusation that in providing for its own self-protection Canada is handicapped by the "laxity" of the United States. It adds: "There is no question but that a long series of criminal plots has been and is being hatched on United States soil. If the American government fails to protect its own people against them; that is its own affair. When its failure enables outrages of this magnitude to be carried out, a discharge of international obligations arises."

Aside from the fact that there is no legal evidence whatever that the fire was the work of German agents, much less the work of German agents operating from the United States, the accusations of the London Chronicle are grossly insulting to the government of a country that has spared no effort to prevent such violations of neutrality.

In that respect its record is startling in contrast with the record of the Canadian government during the Civil War, when the Canadian authorities permitted Canadian commissioners to organize armed expeditions against the United States on Canadian soil and launch attacks upon the United States from Canadian soil.

We wonder if the London Chronicle ever heard of the Philo Parsons outrage. We wonder if it ever heard of the attack upon St. Albans, Vt., by a Confederate force that marched over the Canadian border, attempted to burn the town, attacked the helpless citizens and robbed three banks of more than \$200,000. Not only did the Canadian authorities do nothing to prevent these violations of Canadian neutrality, but in the St. Albans case the Canadian courts blocked every effort to bring the criminals to justice.

We mention these matters in no unkindly spirit, but merely to remind our British friends of the vast difference between the manner in which the United States is enforcing neutrality and the manner in which Canada and Great Britain enforced neutrality during the Civil War. No Canadian ships have been seized on the Great Lakes by German pirates conspiring in American ports. No armed expeditions have gone from the United States to Canada. No German commissioners have had the freedom of the United States to plot against the peace and security of our neighbor to the north, nor the sympathy of the people of the United States in so doing. The only attack that has been made upon Canadian property from this side of the border was undertaken by an individual who was promptly arrested and who is now in an American jail.

The neutrality of the United States government in this war is a real neutrality, as President Wilson has said, not a pretended neutrality like that of Canada in the Civil War.

FROM A DEBTOR TO A CREDIT-OR NATION

It is commonly estimated both here and in London that before the war broke out, fully \$5,000,000,000 of American securities were held abroad. On the basis of returns compiled by President Loeve of the Delaware & Hudson, it is now esti-

mated that the American market within the year 1915 brought back \$1,500,000,000 of these securities, but it is also estimated that only about \$2,000,000,000 worth of railroad securities remained abroad last July and much less now. If this is true, then the original estimates of foreign holdings were too large, as American industrial stocks and bonds were not heavily held abroad.

The one thing in this mass of estimates which can be tied to with any certainty is that the American market has within the year brought back a billion and a half of these securities. When the war started, the mere possibility of such a dumping of foreign holdings caused a hasty closing of the stock exchanges. The fact of it has gone on under rising prices throughout the year, and with less evidence of a saturated market at the end than at the beginning.

This is not the whole story. There is yet to be added the \$600,000,000 more or less of foreign loans placed there in the same time—a total of above \$2,000,000,000 of foreign owned capital taken over and absorbed here within a twelve month and without the slightest symptom of indigestion.

Another year like this will see the nation completely transformed from a debtor to a lender nation and the world's financial center established in New York beyond any strong possibility of dislodgment. Wherein may be found an added meaning to the German saying that the only victor in this war is the United States—New York World.

GET BACK TO COMMON SENSE

[Ohio State Journal]

Germany and the United States are still at sword's points in the Lusitania affair. Germany is willing to pay the damages, but refuses to make a disavowal of the affair, and proposes instead to leave the matter to an arbitration. This country refuses to accede to that on the ground that "vital interests and national honor of the United States are involved" and these could not be submitted to arbitration. We don't see why, especially the honor part. It is the very kind of a question that can be referred to a just and impartial judgment.

It would be a great excitement upon our civilization if we went into a war without referring the matter of difference to an arbitral tribunal. Such a resort is the cornerstone of that civilization is built upon. If we have a quarrel with a neighbor and a friend says we are wrong in our contention it may touch our pride to give in, but it wouldn't our honor. Arbitration is that friend.

SUGAR-BEET RAISERS TO BE GIVEN A RAISE
[Paulding Democrat.]
In accordance with the terms of the contract, made by the German-American sugar company, with beet growers for last year's crop, which, in addition to a guaranteed price per ton for beets, that was paid at the agreed monthly periods following the delivery of the beets, provided that an extra amount should be paid in proportion to the average market price of sugar during a period of several months ending January 31 1916 the company found on the closing day, last Monday, that it owed to the beet growers an additional amount of a fraction over 28 cents per ton, nearly 29 cents. Checks for the amount at this rate will be mailed to the beet growers in a few days. They are not due under the contract until the 15th of the month.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

A pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday morning at the home of Rev. A. H. Roebuck, when Jesse Poor and Miss Lura Moore two popular young people of Coldwater, were united in marriage. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk crepe de chine with a lovely white hat to match, the groom being attired in conventional black.

The attendants of the bridal couple were Miss Elsie Moore, sister of the bride and Eros Barker, Miss Ida Poor and Stanley Baer. After the ceremony, the wedding party returned to the country home of the bride one and one-half miles south of Coldwater where an elaborate wedding dinner was served to the immediate relatives. The table was decorated with white carnations, the beautiful wedding cake being the centerpiece. The bride and groom received many beautiful presents. They left on the evening train for Dayton and other points until the 15th, when they will be "at home" to their many friends at their residence on West Anthony street, Celina.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jesse Poor, 22, mechanic, Coldwater, son of Wm. Poor and Lura Moore, 21, housekeeper, Coldwater, daughter of Allen Moore. Rev. Roebuck.

Walter A. Schelsch, 25, farmer, Hope-well, township, son of G. F. Schelsch and Sarah M. Meyer, 21, housekeeper, of Center township, daughter of H. W. Meyers. Rev. Reitz.

MERCER COUNTY REPRESENTED

The state assembly of Mutual telephone associations met in the court house at Ottawa, on February 25, 1916.

Between three hundred and four hundred companies are organized in the state.

The delegates were called to order by President Scott T. Whistler, of Bucyrus. After the routine business, plans were formulated, looking to legislative relief, (in co-operation with the State Grange,) from the present unjust and intolerable conditions existing under the utility laws.

J. C. Brookhart, W. A. Hamilton, and H. S. Lewis represented local interests.

LEAP YEAR

The custom which ordains that a woman may propose marriage to a man in leap year dates back seven or eight hundred years. An act of the Scottish Parliament, passed about the year 1228, made it a crime punishable by a fine, for an unattached man to refuse to become the life partner of a woman who proposed to him.

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"Albert it has now become a part of the common laws in regard to social relations of life that as often as every blissful year doth return, the

lady have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love unto the men, which they do either by words or by looks, as to them it seemeth proper; and, moreover, no man shall be entitled to the benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contempt."—From The People's Home Journal for February.

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Estate of Frances W. Grubb, deceased, Russell S. Grubb has been appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of Frances W. Grubb late of Mercer County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 31st day of January, 1916.

OLIVELLE RAUDABAUGH, Probate Judge of said county.
C. S. Younger, attorney for administrator.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Estate of Katharine Stauder, Deceased. Peter A. Weis has been appointed and qualified as Executor of the estate of Katharine Stauder, late of Mercer County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 26th day of January, 1916.

OLIVELLE RAUDABAUGH, Probate Judge of said county.
John G. Romer, Atty. for Executor.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Estate of Henrietta Schunck, deceased, Elsie Elizabeth Fanger has been appointed and qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Henrietta Schunck, late of Mercer County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1916.

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